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1. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REVIEW OF MILAN LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCE IN LIGHT OF RAPIDLY RISING COST OF QUARTERS AND REDUCTION OF LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCE (LQA) ANNOUNCED IN REPAIRS.

2. EFFECTIVE 31 AUGUST 1975 LQA FOR MILAN WAS REDUCED 4-5 PERCENT AND AN ADDITIONAL 2-3 PERCENT ON 26 OCTOBER 1975. IN LAST YEAR AVERAGE COSTS OF HOUSING INCLUDING UTILITY CHARGES IN MILAN HAVE INCREASED APPROXIMATELY 17 PERCENT. EMPLOYEES HARDEST HIT ARE NEW ARRIVALS, 6 IN LAST YEAR, WHO FACED MAJOR INCREASES IN RENT DUE TO RAPID RISES IN ALL RENTS IN AREA TO MATCH CONTINUING DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION.

3. LATEST FIGURES CONTAINED IN FS. 1190, FOREIGN ALLOWANCE APPLICATION GRANT AND REPORT, INDICATE 12 OF 15 FS EMPLOYEES OUT OF POCKET FOR HOUSING. IN 8 OF 15 CASES COSTS ARE MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OVER ALLOWANCE. AVERAGE OF THESE EIGHT IS 23.5 PERCENT. SUMMARY OF COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE HOUSING COSTS SENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO A/ALS.

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4. SINCE HOUSING COSTS CURRENTLY HAVE MAJOR FINANCIAL
IMPACT ON MAJORITY OF POST FS EMPLOYEES, WOULD APPRECIATE
EARLY REVIEW MILAN DATA AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OUR
REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCES.FINA

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